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In those days...

## A DEDICATION

...When the simple fare of snow pile in the corner of the old barracks building was the winter's gift and the weather was as much a phenomenon outside as it was in-, we used to gather ourselves in freesome awe at the rapture of nature, bundling ourselves into cars or ready-to-be-broken-down buses, to be taken by him name of Tim along byways honored to be called highways at the terminus of which would be a plinky-planky gym floor--as like as not--on which we'd push about to the delight of stranger-onlookers (though no stranger onlooking than we!). Him name of Tim would set a firm resolve that things would be done thus and so...and of course there was always an Irishman or a Swede in the lot to put the resolve aside and dilute it in a most nondescript solution. Finding uncommon solutions was our great drive in those unstructured times.

Him name of Tim showed us all how to dribble, though many of us had a somewhat horrid fear of doing just that out of place, as you might say.

Him I saw for the first time amidst a pile of documents and forms and files and such in a teeny office filled with a big smiling Irish-type face. That face it was that told me of the Program in Vision, of the Hopes and Expectations, of the Already-Done, and of the In-Coming and the Out-Going.



Him name of Tim had a moustache in residence in those days, and he said he'd let it grow till the Gizz Kids lost a game, and he saw us go to New York, the Big City, and he spirited us into

the finals, and we hung on each shot--but we lost, and somehow the loss was less than the giving, or the getting, for the game was the thing--and the loss was doublefold, what with moustache losing itself to its promise and what with him name of Tim having to present himself unfamiliar-like--not to mention not having to tote the championship cup!

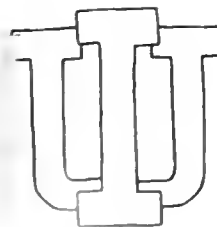
Tim came to our Halloween 'costume party' dressed as a peppermint stick (or was it a sucker?); himself was always in the thick of the activity, whether it be on the playing field or in the social sphere or just holding forth on a good academic polemic.

Tim showed us how we could make the most of what we yet may spend, and I often think now of his words and acts and 'friendly persuasion' in building the program...in building us.

Him name of Tim was, for us, a pretty big man, even

...in those days

chuck chapman  
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# A Centennial Salute

I am pleased to have the opportunity, in this Centennial year of the University and on the twentieth anniversary of the Rehabilitation-Education Center, to extend greetings to Delta Sigma Omicron and through Sigma Signs to express appreciation for the work of Professor Timothy J. Nugent.

The Program of the Center is now a school of nationwide interest. Its teaching methods, evolved over the years, are studied by other institutions, agencies, and departments of government, in the United States and abroad. Its research and experimentation have validated its practices and produced ideas in abundance for others to adopt. The recently opened new building is testimony to the success of the Program and we look forward to the expansion of the facilities as soon as practicable.

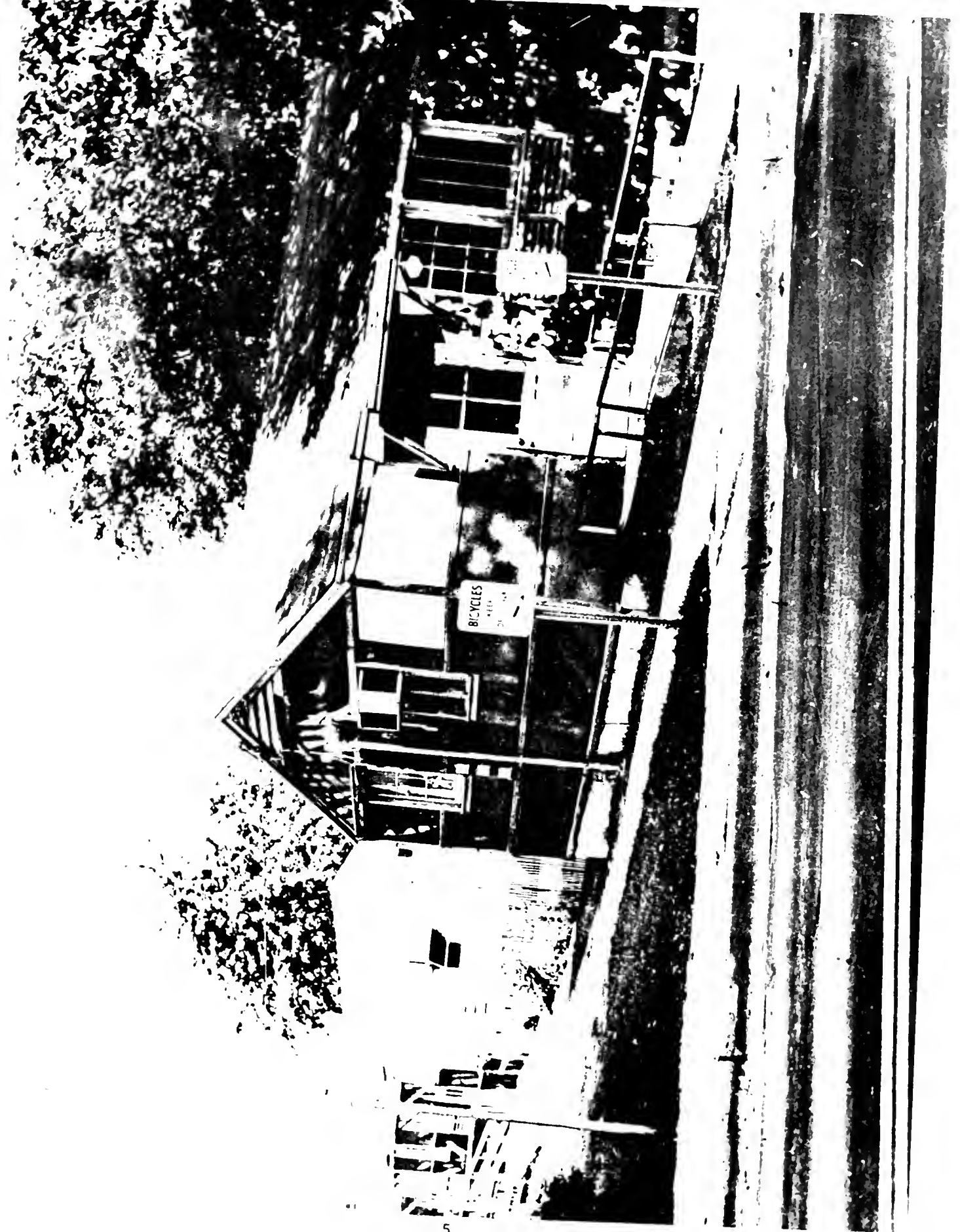
There have been two ingredients essential to the remarkable achievements of the Center in teaching, research and public service.

Recognition must be given to the spirit of the students. Their resolve, perseverance and faithfulness - often requiring great personal courage - have made the steady growth possible. Their achievements in rehabilitation and education have been an inspiration to others and their very presence on the campus has been a constant reminder of the University's concern with the welfare of the individual.

The leadership of Professor Nugent has been the other factor basic in the development of the Center. His initiative, dedication and creativity overcame the early apathy and skepticism with which many viewed the start of the Rehabilitation Program. Further, his direction has carried the work beyond service to the individuals directly involved, important as that service has been, to a level of productivity in demonstration and research, which has made the Center a laboratory of national and international note.

I am happy to speak for all who share responsibility in the development of the University in expressing gratitude to Professor Nugent and respect for his achievements as well as sincere good wishes for the continuing success of the Center.

David D. Henry  
President  
University of Illinois



# We Are Center



On a blustery day in March, 1949, a motorcade - including wheelchair students - descended upon Governor Adlai Stevenson's mansion in Springfield, Illinois. The group did not brandish placards, did not see the Governor, did not picket the Capitol. In fact, in the history of rehabilitation-education services at the University of Illinois, this was not even a stand-out sit-in.

That history began in 1947 when Tim Nugent made the scene. A PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin, Nugent went to the Galesburg Division of the University to direct an educational program for disabled veterans of World War II. First suggested by the American Legion, the program was ideally situated on the Galesburg campus - converted by the University from Mayo Army General Hospital, and consisting of 115 ramped buildings interconnected by closed corridors. The sheltered veterans were to have able-bodied attendants.

But from the first, Nugent stressed independence, feeling that the program offered "opportunities for emotional adjustment and stability" that transcended the immediate goals of vocational training. He felt that emotional as well as intellectual growth would facilitate job placement.

From a practical point of view, Nugent argued, it is more economical for the state "to invest in a positive program of rehabilitation-education...than to spend monies for these same people as welfare and charity cases". Moreover, all tax-paying citizens have a right to develop whatever abilities they have.

With the program underway in 1947-48, an unaroused disabled citizenry responded underwhelmingly - there was only one full-time student in the spring of 1948. That fall, thirteen students braved the then forbidding campus as Nugent tackled the twin problems of reluctance on the part of officialdom to publicize a "crippled campus", and of fear or ignorance on the part of prospective students. To educate the general public, as well as to provide an outlet for the creative and recreative abilities of the disabled, Delta Sigma Omicron was founded in 1949, and the first National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament was held in Galesburg that spring.

Then came the disheartening announcement that the Galesburg division would be closed.

Although the capitol caravan had no immediate effect, it dramatized the uncertain future of the rehabilitation program. During this unsilent spring, the program sought a new home at over 300 schools throughout the country. With the fresh spirit of May came an offer from the Urbana campus to make provisions for the 14 wheelchair students from Galesburg.

So the rehabilitation program transferred to Urbana, with its far-flung campus and unramped buildings.

At first, private autos transported the disabled. In 1954, the first two buses with hydraulic lifts (the famous, or rather infamous, Blue Bulls) started doing the job.

At first, six classroom buildings and two Parade Ground Units were ramped. Eventually, nearly every building on campus was ramped, and in 1953, it was decreed that all future university buildings would be accessible.

In its new setting, the program grew rapidly. By June, 1966, there had been 381 graduates (including those with advanced degrees) and 100% placement in positions with salaries averaging better than \$6,600.

The growing program soon got on its feet (with bracing from various sources) in financing, in administration, in housing.

In financing, the program went from shaky dependence upon grants to individual students (from the Division of Special Services for War Veterans, the Veterans' Administration and private persons) to incorporation, in part, in the University budget.

In administration, the program underwent seven name changes before it was granted Division status under the College of Physical Education. Now the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services is departmentalized thusly: Administration, Admission and Records, Federal-State Agency Functions, Medical Services, Counseling Services, Services for the Blind and Deaf, Physical Therapy and Functional Training, Occupational Therapy and Special Services, Recreation and Athletics, Equipment and Facilities, Research and Development. More than twenty full-time employees and a shifting lot of part-time help perform these varied activities - activities that once were covered solely by Timothy J. Nugent.

In housing, the program muscled out of the tar-paper shacks in which it had been quartered and into a spanking new Rehabilitation-Education Center in 1965. The first of its kind in the world, the Center



United States Public Health Service, from the State of Illinois Building Funds, and from private contributors. The Center, though, is only Phase I of a projected two-phase building. As planned, Phase II will provide space for additional offices, for research and training, and for a much-needed gymnasium-auditorium, hydrotherapy units and swimming pool.

At present, the program's activities might be divided into three major categories: education for the disabled, education for the public about the disabled and research.

With such services as the lift-equipped buses to transport students to and from classes, the disabled are in direct competition with the able-bodied and are equally entitled to excel or flunk out. Living in regular residence halls, attending regular classes, participating in a full range of extra-curricular activities, the disabled receive no favoritism. Among the non-classroom pastimes are the wheelchair sports, ranging from football to fencing. These sports not only provide athletic and recreational pursuits for the students, they also are an important factor in educating the public.

National and international competitions and exhibits persuade the general public of the very real abilities of the disabled and generate enthusiasm and motivation among the able and disabled. Testimony to the effect of this program is the number of other rehabilitation-education projects that have been set up in emulation, a steady stream of visitors to the Center, from hither and yon, and voluminous correspondence from all corners of the world. In his office in the new Center, Nugent gestures toward a basket-full of letters: "This stack is letters from outside the state of Illinois, and that pile" - he points to another basket - "is correspondence from overseas. And all this is just mail I haven't had a chance to answer yet!"

Many of those unanswered basket cases have been prompted by the program's many research projects. One of the most important of these was the research that led to the publication of American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped. Nugent conducted this research on the University of Illinois campus where the various students in the program supplied a cross-section of disability groups. One aspect of the research was the determination of requirements for ramps. Different grades were measured to find the ones most suitable for wheelchair students with varying afflictions. To facilitate this study, an adjustable ramp was built outside the old Center - a ramp that, looking like an inverted ski-jump, led to noplac whatsoever. However, this nowhere ramp was not an existentialist comment on the human condition, but a ramp that led to greater independence for the disabled everywhere.

And independence, in a word, is the goal of the program of the Rehabilitation-Education Center.



# Let's Skeleton Dance



From top to bottom, left to right: Tim, you ol' sucker! Chuck Elmer says, "All I want for X-mas is -- o bunny." Hey Tim, what do you do for an encore? He's a Gerber Baby! Cut class? Who, me? It's only a game, boys!

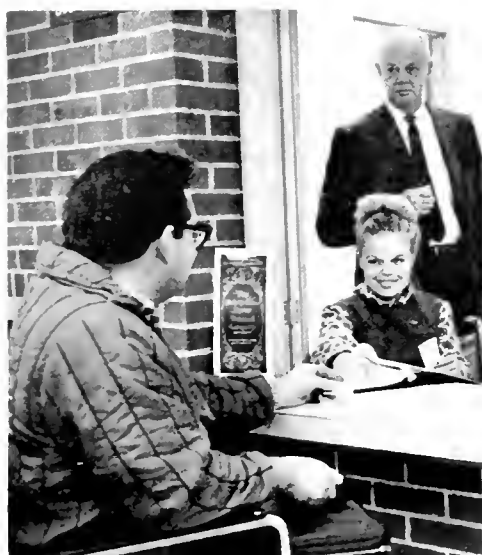




# Who's Who In The Rehab Center

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## A Candid Guidebook



The first members of the staff you run into are the receptionists and Mr. Roy Dart, Business Manager. "Roy" a retired Air Force Colonel, spends his time 'flying' around the Center checking up on - of all things - business.

Next you might pop in for a short chat with Professor Tim Nugent, the Founder and Director of the Program and Center. But it had better be fast or else you might miss "Tim" as he bustles around solving students' critical problems, planning long range programs, lecturing, consulting, and raising money, hopefully, some of it for Stage II of the new Center. The main thing to remember about "Tim" is that he is indeed a friend when you are in need.

Introduction--In 1965, the Rehabilitation-Education Services packed up lock, stock, and wheelchair and moved from its old tar-paper barracks home to Stage I of the new gleaming, brick and glass Center. For 18 years Prof. Tim Nugent and many others had dreamed and worked for this fabulous building. Now it is here, at least the first half. The new Rehab Center contains many facilities and services--administration, medical services, physical therapy, functional therapy, occupational therapy, counseling, research and development, services for the blind and the deaf, recreation and athletics and transportation offices. If it were not for the abilities and hard work of the staff, though, all of these services would be useless to the students. Not only does the staff make the Center tick, they also add to the mayhem of the place with their marvelously different personalities. This, then, is a Candid Guidebook to the "real" staff--the Who's Who of the Rehab Center.





If you are a new student or a member of one of those interminable tours, you will probably be shown around by Prof. Joe Vonitzki, the Assistant Director. "Joe" has a reputation for being a "good guy" around the Center--all he lacks is a white hat. Here two students joke with "JFK".



Surrounded by new students during New Student Week, Messrs. Vonitzki and Maglione slave away on class schedules.



If you need counseling, Mr. F. D. Maglione, Supervisor of Counseling Services, is always there--ready to help out in pen, paper, and pencil. Actually, his department not only counsels--talk-to-see style, but it also administers academic tests for students, gives psychometric tests, and helps bewildered students to choose their careers.

"Dan", along with valuable co-workers, also works closely with services for the Blind and the Deaf. Braille books, tapes, and recorders are available to blind students. Over 100 volunteers assist with reading, transcribing, Braille, and other unique services. In this picture Mr. Maglione observes Becky DeGeorge as she "lane-walks".



While wandering through the Center's hallways, you might hear a booming rendition of "There's No Business Like Show Business". No, it's not a retired Frank Sinatra. Instead, it's Mr. Eden Nicholas, Coordinator of Federal-State Agency Services. "Nick", an ex-Broadway entrepreneur, now coordinates various benefits which accrue to the students from the Federal-State Programs of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Pointing with pride at the Illinois Gizz Kids' first place standing in the National Wheelchair Games at New York is Mr. Stan Labinowich, Supervisor of Recreation and Athletics. It is up to "Our Intrepid Leader" to organize the Gizz Kids' tours to various United States cities, to coach the Gizz Kids basketball team and to organize swimming, archery, football, fencing, square dancing and other activities. Yes, without "O.L.I. Stan", the Center would be just a permanent "sit-in" instead of the "fun-in" that it is.





In a far corner of the Center you might find students working in DSO activities. Delta Sigma Omicron is a rehabilitation service fraternity made up of disabled students. It publishes Sigma Signs, The Spokesman (a bi-weekly newsletter) works against architectural barriers, donates money to charities, holds an annual banquet and meets every month. Hard at work (?) are DSO members with the bearded Prof. Gibb Fink sagaciously looking on.

Sorry to say you will no longer see that bearded rascal "Gibb" running around as Supervisor of Occupational Therapy. Prof. Fink resigned Oct. 1, 1967 to head up the stainless Specialties Wheelchair Co. During his years with the Center, "Gibb" brought a great deal of hilarity and nuttiness to the Center. Not only that, he used his talents as a wheelchair repairer and an adaptive device maker for the good of many students. Here he demonstrates one of his anti-rollback devices.



Contrary to popular belief, Professor Chuck Elmer, supervisor of Physical Therapy and Functional Training, really does have a whip. But don't worry. He won't use it unless you are not working to the top form in his "Torture Chamber" (alias the "Therapy Room" and the "Physical Education Room"). Here "Chuck" can be seen in one of his kinder moments as he assists a student while in the next picture Bryan Cooke, an Assistant, plays medicine ball with the "inmates".



O. K., Staff! SMILE! You are all in the Candid Guidebook to Who's Who in the Rehab Center.

Practicing her skills on clenched-tooth Ruth Cramer is Mrs. Martha Goose, Supervising Nurse.

What Mrs. Goose cannot cure, Dr. W. D. Finkle, Supervisor of Medical Services, is sure to take care of with his fine doctoring skills. Medical services includes offices, examining rooms, and laboratory facilities. So if you have a cold and don't want pneumonia rush in to see Mrs. Goose or Dr. Finkle.





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# Wide World Of Wheels

by Dave Mitchell

One of the most heavily used offices in the Rehabilitation-Education Center is occupied by the Division of Recreation and Athletics; Stan Labanowich, director. Through this office all wheelchair sports and organized recreation are coordinated.

With the beginning of classes in the fall comes the start of the wheelchair football season. Over the following eight weeks, three teams (the Golds, Blues and Whites) compete for the championship. New players are drafted each year by the three teams in much the same way in which it is done by professional clubs.

Wheelchair football is as rough a sport as able-bodied football. The game is played on a hard, dirt-cinder field, 60 by 30 yards. Six men, all eligible as pass receivers, constitute a team, with unlimited substitution of players. Kick-offs and punts are passed instead of kicked, with punts being announced to the other team before the play begins. The wheelchair is considered part of the man for everything except tackling. A tackle is a double-handed touch on the ball carrier. Blocking is done by ramming from a front angle. Surprisingly, scrapes, bruises and occasional sprains are the only injuries.

This year, in six games, a powerful Golds team proved themselves champions, winning 3, losing none, with 1 tie. The Blues, losing many veterans from last year through graduation, compiled a record of 2 wins, 2 losses, while the hapless Whites ended up with a record of no wins, 3 losses, with one tie. The students beat the alumni 31-28 for the first student victory in the 17 year history of the game. George Veenstra led the Golds to victory by passing for 403 yards and 9 touchdowns, receiving passes for 67 yards, and rushing for 375 yards, scoring 60 points in regular season play and 18 points in the student-alumni game.

Two weeks after the close of football season, basketball season starts. This is the season that everyone eagerly looks forward to. Why? Because the University of Illinois Gizz Kids play in the Midwest Conference against such wheelchair foes as St. Joseph, Kansas City and Chicago. If they win the Midwest Conference title, they are then entitled to compete in the annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

Even with only four Gizz Kids, including 2 starters (captain Paul Ahrens and 6'10" All-American Ed Owen), returning from last year's team, the Gizz Kids compiled their best record in many years. The Gizz Kids returned victorious from all 12 of their regular season games to finish in first place with a perfect record in the rugged Midwest Conference.

The 1967 winning Gizz Kids basketball team: bottom row, left to right—Tom Brown, Merlyn Earnest, Jim Giometta, Paul Ahrens, Joe Arcese, Bill Smith, John Holliman; second row—Dave Mitchell, Jerry Ulrich, Ed Owen, Kim Pollock, Frank Fiorello, Rich Feltes; third row—assistant Stan Dorf, coach Stan Labanowich, assistant Wayne Korinek.

"Are you satisfied?" yell cheerleaders Nancy Ander, Nancy Berrie, Bill Barnes, and Susan Fairbairn.



Although several planned stops were canceled, the smallest community tour in which the Gizz Kids, traveling to many cities throughout the United States, perform exhibition basketball, was the longest to date. The tour this year included stops in Downey, Rockford, Crete and Manteno, Illinois; Eau Clair and Madison, Wisconsin; St. Paul, Minnesota; Dayton, Ohio and Washington, D.C. In Washington, the Gizz Kids lost an exhibition game 43-40 to the Richmond, Virginia "rebels" (second place team nationally).

Once again the Gizz Kids were invited to participate in the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Chicago. In their first game, despite a tremendous effort, the Gizz Kids lost to Chicago 52-48. In consolation round play the Gizz Kids beat highly rated Orange County, California 51-50 in the afternoon. That same day, in the evening, the Gizz Kids lost to a rested Nashville, Tennessee team (last year's champion) 71-54 to finish fifth in the nation. Gizz Kid Ed Owen was elected to the first team All-America. Ed, shooting a deadly 61.5%, set new records for three game field goals (35), three game scoring (83 points), and average scoring (27.7 points per game). Fast, accurate Tom Brown was elected to the third team All-America. The Gizz Kids voted Ed Owen "Most Valuable Player", rookie Kim Pollock "Most Improved Player", and Bill Smith "Captain" for next year.

Wheelchair basketball is, like able-bodied basketball, a game requiring considerable skill. Basically it is played under NCAA rules with a few additions: the chair is considered part of the man; there are 6 seconds in the free throw lane (instead of three); there is a physical advantage foul (all players must be firmly seated at all times); and a player may take two pushes before dribbling the ball.

The Gizz Kids do not travel alone, however, A squad of cheerleaders (this year Nancy Ander, Bill Barnes, Nancy Berrie, Susan Fairbairn and Mavis Johnson) go along. For exhibition games, the wheelchair square dancers also accompany the group and perform in colorful western costumes. The square dancers, with caller Vince Falardeau and coach Stan Dorff, were Joanna Cornett, Mary Brainard, Ella Cox, Nancy Berrie, Lucy Cotugno, Rodney Barth, Steve Saxton, and basketballers Bill Smith, Frank Fiorello and Merlyn Earnest.

During the winter and spring months, wheelchair fencing classes were also in session. Dan Kennedy, masters degree candidate in recreation and former Big Ten Foil Champion, coached the team along with assistant Mary Ann Carlson, a junior in recreation. Fencers were Bill Smith, Ruth Broemmer, David Mitchell and Ed Owen.

In May, the wheelchair baseball season saw the Rehab Center staff, as usual, beat the students in the annual game.

As spring began to warm the practice fields, wheelchair track and field athletes began to practice for the National Wheelchair Games held in New York in mid-June.

National Wheelchair Games entrants are classed by extent of disability and compete in

*Here the squaredancers make a perfect square.*



*It doesn't take eyes to learn judo as these blind students quickly learned. OOMPH!*





their own class. The classes are: I - quadriplegics; II - less disabled paraplegics; III - semi or completely ambulatory. Athletes compete in bowling, weight lifting, swimming, 240 and 400 yard relays, slalom (obstacle course), 40, 60, 100 and 220 yard dashes, precision javelin, javelin, discus, shot put, table tennis and archery.

A strong Gizz Kids team of 24 men and 9 women participated in the games. Everyone tried hard and contributed many points. Exceptionally fine showings were made by Cliff Crase (15 points) and Vince Falardeau (19 points) in class IA; John O'Donnell (12 points) in class II; and Tim Harris (24 points) in class III. Because of their fine showing, the men's division totaled 121 points by beating runner-up Bulova's 110 points to win the men's overall trophy. Tom Weber, weighing 107 pounds, broke the record for featherweight weight lifting by hoisting 280 pounds. Tim Harris broke the record for the 100 yard dash at 19.2 seconds. A Gizz Kids team composed of Joe Arcese, Bob Sjostrom, Tom Brown and Tim Harris broke the record for the 240 yard relay at 55.8 seconds. For the women, exceptional performances were shown by Evelyn Moore (25 points) in class IA; Joanna Cornett (30 points) and Natalie Bacon (10 points) in class I; and Judy Huston (15 points) and Ella Cox (13 points) in class II. The Gizz Kids women's team chalked up 109 points (compared to runner-up Central Pennsylvania's 56) to win the women's overall trophy. The women also broke eight records and tied one. Evelyn Moore broke two swimming records, Joanna Cornett broke four records in swimming and archery. Kathy Priddy and Judy Webb broke archery records, while Ella Cox tied a swimming record. Joanna Cornett was also awarded the Jack Gerhardt Award for being the most outstanding wheelchair athlete at the National Games this year.

To complete the triumph of the Gizz Kids in the National Games, 15 Gizz Kids team members were asked to go to the International Games in Stoke Mandeville, England and the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. Gizz Kids coach Stan Labanowich has been asked to go to the International Games as assistant coach.

After a triumphant year, the Gizz Kids can look forward with confidence to the coming year with a large number of good athletes returning. Who knows? Maybe this year the Gizz Kids can take the National Wheelchair Basketball championship as well.

Top to bottom, left to right: Tom Brown, who went to the New York Games, throws a mighty mean javelin; "Toke it easy there! It's only a football game!" grimaces George Veenstra; Archery expert Jack Whitman coaches two students in the fine art of the bow.



**GIZZ KIDS VISITOR**  
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# HAPPINESS IS



...finding your way to class.



..."swinging out" with DSO.



..."enjoying" a meal at the dorm.



...plowing your way from class.



...getting to the mailbox before your AB (able-bodied) roommate does.



...reproducing your experiment in physiology lab.



...going to the Illini Union for a "decent" meal.



...stopping to vote twice in a campus election.



...puckering up -- for the flute that is.



...taking a 3 hour study break.



...rooting the Fighting Illini on across the goal line.



...*"getting to the church on time."*



...*smiling at your date ... and buttering your hand (?)*.



...*rolling across when it says "Don't Walk."*



...*taking notes faster than Dr. Taylor talks.*



*...taking a shower -- and loving it (?).*



*...writing a coherent theme while under the "influence."*



*...getting your ironing and wash done before the Andy Williams Show.*



*...getting a strike after 5 gutter balls.*



*...making psychology seem exciting.*

But most of all --  
Happiness is being Independent.



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by Mary Brainard

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party held every year around Christmas time is the students' chance to get back at the staff for Orientation, therapy, etc. etc. and it is also the staff's opportunity to vent their inner frustrations. This year, the staff had created a parody of Oklahoma. Mr. Nugent and Mrs. Cox sang "Oh What a Beautiful Center" as they showed their gimpy "son" Joe Spoke, played by Chuck Elmer, around the Center. Joe sang his own version of "I Cain't Say No", and then Mr. Nicholas gave the final mournful tune "Joe Spoke's Been Dropped".

The student skit was centered around the theme of the new mod heros. Mr. Nugent was Super Tim who dragged an unwilling visitor on a tour of the Center. Get Smart Maglione and his ever faithful 99 demonstrated how to deal with a NUT who wants to blow up the Center. The bus drivers got off a beatle number, "I Have to Drive Your Bus" conducted by their manager Bob Wrong. Finally, Bat Fink and Eric the Boy Blunder went on a hysterical search for the culprit who had stolen their displays.

The staff wasn't through. And they awarded certain "privileged" individuals with the Hairy Shafter Award which required a certain lack of vitality, an unwillingness to participate, and a general laziness. These awards were designed and constructed by our own Gibb Fink. They were made to resemble the rear quarters of a certain four-legged beast which has gray hair and long ears. There was a Tubby Tuba Award, the Exposed Thigh Award, the Inarticulate Speech Award and numerous others. Yours truly got an award for journalism, and yours truly thinks that Mr. Elmer is just spiteful.

Sandwiches, cookies and punch were balm to all the wounds of satiric darts.

## TOUR

Tour 1967 was hysterical, exhausting, and sensational, just like every other public education tour the Gizz Kids have made since 1950. The purpose of the tour is not to show everyone how "wonderful" we are. It is to make others realize that a person in a wheelchair is still a person and he asks only to be allowed the chance to make his way in the able-bodied world.

The Gizz Kids put on a show which included basketball, football, fencing, cheerleading and squaredancing. We traveled over 4,000 miles in the new over-the-road bus donated by the Greyhound Corporation. We visited state hospitals, high schools and towns. We traveled long hours and sometimes put on two shows a day, but there was always time for fun like snow mobiles in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the invasion of the swimming pool at the Ramada Inn in St. Paul. In Madison, we gave an impromptu performance for the photographer of the Holiday Inn. We went tobogganing in Crete, Illinois and we saw the sights of Washington, D.C. in one memorable day.

Tour was a crazy blend of loading and unloading, endless games of penuchle in the aisle, sleeping in the midst of chaos, and the confusion of lunch en route. It was a great opportunity to meet a lot of people and see a lot of places. It was an experience I'll never forget.

## A PSALM OF ELMER



Mr. Elmer is my therapist, I shall not grow flabby.  
He maketh me to lie down on PT tables; he leadeth me to the parallel bars.  
He restoreth my independence; he maketh me to push myself for the Rehab. Center's name.  
Yeah, though I cannot push up the English Building ramp, I will not ask for help, for  
he will flunk me; his whip and his snarl inspire me.  
He preparest a mat before me and maketh me to crawl back in my chair in the presence of  
my friends; my blood runneth over.  
Surely his sadistic laughter will ring in my ears all the rest of my days,  
And I will dwell in therapy forever.







# Our Grads



**WILLIAM RAYMOND BOSTON**, Louisville, Ky., B.S., Marketing, Housing Floor and Area Treasurer, House Honors Program, Commerce Council Member, Delta Sigma Pi, Sigma Iota Epsilon honorary, post-polio



**MARY ELIZABETH BRAINARD**, Harvey, Ill., B.S., English Education, Canterbury Association, D.S.O., Sigma Signs, Spokesman Editor, House Floor Treasurer, Friedrich's ataxia



**PAULA HELEN (Bratt) BOSTON**, Cincinnati, Ohio, B.S., Accounting, Illini Guide, Illinois Gizz Kids Cheerleader (captain 1 year), traumatic paraplegia



**MARGUERITE HOPE CHAFFEE**, Oak Lawn, Ill., B.S. Chemistry, D.S.O., Phi Mu, James Scholar (2 years), Illinois Gizz Kids Cheerleader, Square Dancer and Track and Field Team, post-polio



**ELLA MARIE COX**, Elgin, Ill., B.A. Spanish, Illini Guide (2 years), House Governing Board (3 semesters), Wheelchair Square Dancing, Illinois Gizz Kids Track and Swimming Team, post-polio



**RONALD JAMES DICKSON**, Elmhurst, Ill., M.S., Library Science, post-polio quadriplegia



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**RONALD MERLE LARIMORE**, Peoria, Ill., M.Ed., Social Studies, D.S.O., House President, Hall Chairman, MRH Camera Club, Pistol and Rifle Club, Young Republicans, Illini Guide, post-polio



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In these excerpts from letters, alums tell what Tim Nugent and his philosophy of independence has meant to them.

# ALUMNI LETTERS

Independence was NOT a big bother! It is a must for a handicapped person. I am sure Tim would be the first to attest that his goal is not to provide all the conveniences that the handicapped desire, but to provide enough of the rudiments to allow them to achieve their own level of independence. (I recall one instance where Tim looked upon one fellow and his motorized chair with extreme disfavor). There is so much satisfaction in independence, but this must be tempered with humility and the intelligence to know when dependence is required. The present program at the University of Illinois should boast that its most important product is maturity - emotional, psychological, and physical maturity. Anyone achieving this had to stand in good stead even if he was poor academically.....

The education we all receive and received at the U. of I. is first and foremost not in the course catalog. You might say that the Rehabilitation-Education Center is a separate college of the university. I graduated from that college. That diploma meant and continues to mean more to me than the one that says B.A. or M.S. from the U. of I. I will be forever grateful to the Dean of that college, T. J. Nugent.

*J.W. Springle*

When I arrived at the University I found it an unusual and pleasant experience to live in a residence hall, get to classes, athletic and social events with no problems. When I graduated I found the rest of the world hadn't changed because of my experience with independence. Department stores still had revolving doors. Museums had three flights of stairs at all entrances. Ladies' rooms had totally inaccessible facilities. Restaurants had chairs and tables arranged so that diners had to interrupt their meals for me to pass.

But what had changed about the world was my view of it. The world is people. Here's how Mr. Nugent's message came through to me. Never be surprised at anything people think concerning a handicapped person. If you can be relaxed and at ease you can educate the public without bouncing around on your back wheels (since all of us can't be jock-types).

So thanks Mr. Nugent and your rehab program. Architectural barriers may remain forever thereby making complete physical independence impossible. But because of you my handicap isn't my life. And a great freedom of spirit, instilled at Illinois and expressed in one's relations with the world, can bring a marvelously happy, useful and satisfying life.

*Ann Marois Farina*  
Class of February, 1966

Complete independence was not the ultimate goal. Complete independence was pretty generally recognized as an impossibility. My goal was to be useful. I knew I could teach school if I could get the necessary education, and my parents knew I deserved a chance to try. But progress stopped right there. No one else believed teaching was either possible or practical, probably not even Tim at first. But Tim, you had the open-mindedness to try first and pass judgement later.

My program was somewhat unique, but it obviously worked. What I owe to you and the University cannot be overestimated. When recognized rehabilitation agencies could find no potential usefulness in me, I thrived on the faith you sustained. When it was difficult to get a job interview where I wanted to teach, I sustained my courage with the belief that my credentials from the University would bear much weight (which they did). When I got a job, I promised to do my best for you, the University, and future handicapped teachers. I am still not independent, but I am useful. I have found a success in my seven years of teaching beyond even my dreams.

*Mary*

Mary Braber '60

As I look back upon my years under Tim's tutelage, I can see that the wonderful "gift" he gave to me was not so much the skills he taught me, but the attitude that came to all of us, more or less by osmosis.

When I came to the University I was full of apprehension and "I can't's" - "I can't get in and out of a car", "I can't get on and off that low jon", "I can't go up a ramp by myself." One week spent constantly with Tim and Chuck Elmer, and I was doing most of those things - a bit resentfully, I must admit - for I was bone-tired, having used muscles I didn't even know I had before!

My first semester was hard - pushing a mile or two a day, doing my own washing and ironing, studying late, "bull sessions" with the girls, (and late dates) kept me very busy, tired, but amazingly vital, alive and proud - proud of my ability to succeed academically, proud to be able to care for myself on my own, but most of all, proud to discover that I was a worthwhile person who could be accepted and liked for what I was and who could contribute something to others. I learned what my limitations were (I was not good at jumping curbs) but I also learned that I could achieve in the really important areas of life. I became a person who was willing to try my best to do what I felt was important, regardless of the time and effort required physically, instead of simply refusing even to consider the possibility of attempting such a thing.

This change in attitude has made it possible for me to have the confidence to marry, have children, care for my own home, seek and make friends - both able-bodied and disabled - to become a teacher in several church organizations. In short, I guess I might say, Tim gave me a vision of what I might become, the courage to try, and the practical assistance and training with which to succeed.

*Sylvia B. Bell*

Altho, T.J. Nugent would be the last to know, his "bulldog" philosophy of independence encouraged me and helped me a great deal. And, DEFINITELY is helping me today.

Why doesn't he know? --- When I marched on campus ten yrs. ago, the only First to me was that dog-eat-dog competition. Despite the fact that Tim fought me to try to get me to fight my own battles; I turned a deaf ear, and deaf I am not. Therefore, this alum did not graduate.

Now my battles are bigger, Ah but I've won one or two here and there. There are many reasons for this winning streak. One stands out. I keep hearing a voice - now I listen - as I should have ten years ago. Hence, successful alum I feel I am - and isn't that half the battle? - feeling healthy, happy and having a bit of success. The bills get paid by me now, the trips and schooling too. And I have gone back to my first love - writing. It's a book this time.

You asked for anecdotes. I can think of many but here's the one I love. You see, altho Tim seems cool and rough. I guess inside a "bulldog" there's always a little "pussycat". Tim hates to lose a student, even one like me. Therefore, one day I guess he decided to try the soft touch on me. T.J. Nugent said, "Nettie, I just hate losing cute little gals like you." Well, sir, you didn't lose me or others like me. We just found you a bit late.

Anita Alter

I attended the U. of I. in February, 1962 for one semester. I wish I could have stayed longer but I didn't seem to master up grade wise. Even though I didn't pass the first semester, I consider my four month stay at the U. of I. well spent. Before I went to college I didn't always do the things that I was able to ... it was easier to let someone else assist me. Now I do everything by myself and I decline assistance even when the going is hard. The only thing I can't do is drive a car (I have epilepsy).

I gained my independence physically and mentally at the University of Illinois.

William S. Newton

I am one of the "physical failures" of the program, in that I didn't learn to drive a car, play basketball or football, excel at wheelchair sports, etc; in fact, my major gain was in learning to use a motorized chair and finding a friendly environment to use it in. What gains and independence I have achieved result primarily from the intellectual competition and acceptance as an equal at the University. But perhaps these gains are most representative of what has been achieved under Tim at the University, for although one can see elevators, ramps and Rehabilitation Center, the human gains, are found in the intangibles of changed attitudes, deeper interpersonal understanding and greater acceptance of self and others by a generation of both disabled and non-disabled people....The Center's philosophy is built on the concept of increasing self-acceptance and self-responsibility through individual effort.

Jack M. Conshaw

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It is truly a wonderful feeling to know that you have a chance to get an education at a great university, noted not only for its educational status but also for its complete facilities for the independence of the handicapped student - the best in the country.

Our accomplishments are far overshadowed by those of Tim. We are sure that everyone associated with the program agrees that if it weren't for Tim's perseverance and fortitude during the past 20 years, they would not have had the opportunity for independence.

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Catzke

I believe the greatest help to students of the University of Illinois is the pervading atmosphere of the Tim Nugent philosophy of rehabilitation as promulgated by The Director and his staff. I interpret this to hold that the disabled person is just a human being, who deserves credit earned by effort and ability regardless of disability - as good as, but no better than, any other citizen.

We will always be grateful for the opportunity to work with one who has the talent to instill in those around him so much enthusiasm for reaching the goals ahead that past struggles are forgotten as we push on to ever widening horizons.

Roscoe R. Daniell

Several months ago I was talking with some people in another city and they seemed surprised to hear that I owned a car and was 'self-sufficient'. I, in turn, was astonished to hear these comments about things which now seem so natural to me. For a few seconds I couldn't answer. Suddenly I thought of Tim and answered that Tim Nugent at the University of Illinois helped me.

Ray Howard

The U. of I. provided the opportunity to learn to live and relate as normally as possible in an AB society.

David J. Age

As an Alum since June of '64, I feel somewhat qualified as well as enthusiastic about evaluating the significance of Illinois' rehab philosophy in my own life.

I became quite nostalgic as I was reading once again about the program, and began reliving my experiences at the U. of I. How can I ever forget that sweltering day in July of '59 when I first faced Tim Nugent for an interview! As a post-polio quadriplegic in '54, I had "come a long way" in regaining partial use of my right arm and left leg. However, I was still almost totally dependent on my family for many activities of daily living. As a fairly good student, I had channeled my interests academically, and was simply unaware that I was capable of learning to become more functional in order to live away from home. I guess my first impression of the "rehab" program was a kind of convalescent center with the added attraction of being on a campus. I was sure that there would be more than enough offers for pushes to classes, help in getting dressed, etc., as my overprotective environment at home and in a small private high school had prepared me only for such benevolence. What a surprise to find out that Illini have been conditioned for two decades to allow - and expect - and respect "independence" in rehab students! ... AND WHAT A RELIEF!

But at the time of the interview, I was insulted when Tim Nugent told me that I had not reached my functional capacity, and I resented his ultimatum that I become independent in activities of daily living before he would admit me to the program. I remember vividly the ride home from Champaign to Cincinnati, when I kept thinking about his challenge and wondering if he could really understand the magnitude of "the problem". By the time I reached home, my attitude had become one of "I'll show him!" and I decided to cancel my enrollment at a small local college. I enrolled in an Illinois correspondence course and spent the year at a Goodwill rehab center, attempting to become independent in activities of daily living. At the end of the year, I received word that I would be admitted to the program "on probation", and that I was to come for a trial period a week before all the other rehab students arrived. Having survived the first week somehow, I graduated four years later with a B.S. degree in my chosen field of speech correction.

As most Illini grads discover, another world of opportunities awaited me when I left "the womb". Because I wanted to work with organic speech and language problems, I decided to go on for a master's degree, which I received at Southern Illinois University in '65. I was then fortunate to be employed as the first Speech Pathologist at Good Samaritan Hospital here in Cincinnati, a 900 bed hospital with an extensive Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation department. As I am involved in the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients with language impairment, I am a member of a "rehab team" of professionals. The philosophy of independence learned at Illinois has once again been invaluable in this situation.

Through my work at the hospital, I've met a number of new friends. "The cold, cruel world" which I feared upon leaving the security of the campus has been anything but cold and cruel. I have found that my extending my interests into community affairs, such as my present involvement in inner city social work, life has not only taken on more meaning but I have also made many genuine social contacts. One such encounter is a certain medical student whom I have been dating rather steadily now for several months.

My third most prized certificate was received last May when I passed my driver's test in my new car. With a little ingenuity, the car was easily adapted to my unique muscle power (or lack thereof).

I could go on and on in endorsement of the philosophy that "ability, not disability, counts..." but that is obvious by now to those who are acquainted with the program. As a former rehab student, officer in DSO, and editor of Spokesman, I want to emphasize that all of these activities were significant in my personal accomplishments and formation of attitudes.

My only advice to rehab students is that they try to balance their social contacts while at the university, and become involved in all aspects of campus life. Encounters with "inaccessible" places and people can be staggering and overwhelming if one allows himself to create a rehab ghetto at the U. of I. Our combined efforts, our DSO, can be justified and make progress for "the cause" only insofar as we do not allow ourselves to become dependent members of another minority group. As the Alumni Briefs vindicate, former rehab students have made it in a variety of fields as educated individuals, not as "the handicapped".

My personal thanks to Tim Nugent for making me angry enough to accept his challenge, and to all at the Center who helped me "begin" a fruitful adult life!

Sylvia Doherty

I'll never forget my first "Nugent Pep Talk". It was during Freshman Week and I was still suffering from a bad case of "I-wish-I-was" homesickness! When he finished I felt as though I could go out and whip the whole world. I'd always been a little self-conscious, but he made me feel that I was every bit as good as anyone else, that even though I walked with the aid of crutches I could do anything I wanted to at least try and had the guts to keep at. Of course that didn't mean to set impossible goals, or be unrealistic, but to realize my limitations, accept them and then set my sights on a realistic goal. And above all, be a do-it-yourselfer, not a Wailing Willy to be waited on.

College wasn't really for me, I know that now. Instead, I found my vocation in being a wife and mother. Now, instead of being waited on, I wait on my husband, Tom, and two year old son Chip. You know, it's a great feeling having someone depend on you, instead of vice versa. I load and unload the washer with my "hook". That's a straightened out coat hanger with a wooden handle. I also use it to pull on my blue jeans in the morning, or pick up clothes, etc. off the floor. When Chip was little he slept in a bassinette that I could pull from room to room. My arms strengthened with the daily "baby chores" of lifting from crib to bassinette (It didn't take him long to outgrow the bassinette!). When he started walking, or "duck-waddling" we taught him to pull himself up to my knees where I could reach him to lift him up.....

Now my husband is teaching me to drive, or as he puts it, "Another nut behind the wheel!" I use pedal extensions, power steering and a St. Christopher medal.

Well, that about winds it up. I'm just thankful I got to be a "Nugent do-it-yourselfer" instead of a Moaning Milly!

*Mrs. Judith Ann Roberts Grant*

In answer to your questions regarding my student days at the U. of I., I felt that I needed the most help in learning to organize my time so as to put it to the most effective use and in handling cafeteria trays which is a major problem for a victim of Cerebral Palsy. This training was invaluable to me in later years as I worked toward my degree in Practical Nursing which I finally obtained.

I felt that without the lesson in independence, my academic education would not have been worth anything because one must be able to care for themselves in the working world & without this training, I certainly couldn't have thought of establishing a happy home with anyone.

Darleen Endress

My wife, Diane, and I are expecting our first child in August '88 with hopes that it will be a future All-American in football for the U. of Illinois in 1987. I am still employed in football for the Chicago - Accounts Payable Division of the Accounting Section. My outside-of-work activities find me completing my 5th year with the Bears as President of the Bears Den No. 1 fan club organized for the members of the Chicago Bears professional football team. I am also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes having entered membership in 1959-60 and a member of the White wheelchair squad. Mr. Nugent has had a profound effect on my general outlook toward sports participation for the handicapped and gave me a sense of belonging in some phase of the wonderful world of sport - small as it may have been. As a long string member of the Gizz Kids in 1960, our team trip to California for the National Tournament finishing in 2nd place was an experience I will never forget. My experiences as a member of the White Football squad marked the first time I had ever handled a wheelchair since I have always been able to walk via assistance of Canadian crutches and long leg brace. My personal touchdowns during that year are still remembered and discussed. Yes, Mr. Nugent gave me considerable independence in thoughts and deeds during my days under his direction and my involvement with the S.R.C.

*Hayne H. Spader*

Dear Tim:  
Our association with you during the past 12 years reminds us of this story.

There was a father who had some very important work to do at home, but couldn't get his young son to give him a moment's peace. To try and solve the problem, the father took a picture of the world from a hook, ripped it into several pieces, and told his son to try and put the puzzle together. The problem intrigued the boy who was soon hard at work putting the torn page together. In just five minutes time the young man was back at his father's side with the perfectly pieced together page. The father, amazed, asked his son how he had been able to do so such a difficult task in such a short time. The answer was simple. "It was easy Dad. There was a picture of a man on the other side of the page and when I put him together the world was fixed up too."

Tim, you know how we all feel about you. Without a doubt you have put more than your share of men and women back together. We will be eternally grateful.

*Robert Louise Jones*

I'm sure I'm the wrong person to write such a letter. I had already been a student at Ohio State, and the University of Albuquerque, so I merely carried on my systems here. In fact, I grew LESS independent here because I avidly took advantage of the elevator keys, paraplegic parking spaces, and early registration which were not offered at those other schools. However, there is one thing about me and Illinois. Here, I can help somebody else (say in a wheelchair) and not be only a receiver. This is good for the morale.

Margaret A. Scheffelin

Tim is tough and, sometimes, people think a little too rough, but I thank him for this. Tim's attitude and actions showed me the way to gain self-confidence and a positive outlook.

*Jack L. Sporing*

I think it is just fantastic the amount of good Mr. Nugent has done. All of the many hundreds of students that have passed through Illinois have been helped in so many ways. Even those who were only able to attend one semester would have gained in some way.

Ruth Winzer

As you know, I'm pretty much of an able-bodied amputee but I still had lots to learn under the program we had. My attitudes toward I came to the University of Illinois Having had a disabled father and being disabled myself, I was used to being around someone else who was disabled but we were both very independent mentally and physically with few physical problems left to be solved. It required a realization that the problems of these more seriously (than my father and I) disabled students was more disabling than the disability itself.

Leah Mae Tagg (nee Truxell)

Luckily I was admitted into the rehab program at the University in the fall despite long lists of other applicants. But being a part of Tim Nugent's program was a contrast to my pre-college life. Now I was told to "push yourself", when back in high school I never had to. I did nothing in high school except study. Perhaps I feared standing out in the crowd. The Rehabilitation Center is a nucleus of activity and interest for its disabled students. It was not difficult for me to become a wheelchair cheerleader when Tim had arranged a bus to take interested girls to the try-outs. I was helped along in becoming part of a female barbershop quartet.....

The first time I entered a clothing store alone was on a pre-Yule evening when a bus took eager SRC students to a local shopping center. I was too proud of myself now to concentrate on buying anything, but I so enjoyed the feeling I was performing a normal act.

Janece Burke Holmes

Being too independent for my own good still, I can't credit you with this inborn trait. But one thing I did do under your guidance was to, in all good conscience, face reality and discard crutches and braces for full scale use of my E & J chair. It may appear as a step backward to some, but we know it wasn't.

Bruce W. Daniel

I'm an AB---and you may wonder what I have to say in this tribute to Tim. Just this. My wife, the mother of my son and daughter, is one of Tim's charges. We met when she was checking cards in the dining hall and I began work on my masters degree.

I'm getting near the end of my PhD study now, and in the meantime have begun to raise a family. My studies necessarily limit my family time. But my wife on wheels fills this gap beautifully. Thanks Tim for making her so independent that others depend on her.

I don't have time to go shopping, to the doctor, etc., etc. But my paraplegic playmate learned to drive in just two months and does these things on her own. Thanks Tim, for making her see fit to learn and develop more freedoms.

When we do go places together here, I don't feel any stigmas about my rolling, pushing wife. The reason is simple enough. Thanks Tim, for inviting others to become independent, self-sufficient and educated, so that my wife isn't in the minority.

Thanks Tim, for making a wonderful wheelchair marriage commonplace and not unusual.

Allen H. Holmes

To put into words what my four years at the U. of I. under the rehabilitation program and Tim Nugent's able guidance meant to me is almost an impossibility! I might preface this by saying that because of the nature of my disability, my problem was not so much a physical one, but more of a psychological one. The world is full of pitying people and this is something that no physically handicapped person needs - it does not lead to the independence and determination they need to develop. I think this is what most impressed me about Tim Nugent - as you put it his "bulldog concept of independence"! His ability to joke about students' handicaps in such a way as to make the student say "By gosh, I'll show HIM!!!!!!" Sort of a reverse psychology, and yet, when needed, there was sympathetic understanding. I've told many of the U. of I. rehabilitation program and thought about it often as I've watched handicapped students struggle up stairs, etc. at the various universities we've been associated with, but I am pleased with the progress some of them are making. It's a slow process though and I'm sure they all could use a Tim Nugent at the helm to run things!!!

Barbara Cash Frock

It was the fall of 1951 when I first entered the little shack that housed Tim Nugent and his "folie". The office staff consisted of one secretary and a bushy-headed boss. After a very short interview Tim reluctantly decided I could give the U of I a try. After 2 short weeks I discovered that the counselor, business manager, transportation officer, therapy instructor, coach, and 14 other positions were all handled by the same 'red-head' under different caps.

"Gig" Broeren

I can't think of anyone who needs testimonials less than Tim Nugent. What he has done speaks for itself. So this isn't a testimonial; it is an acknowledgement of a debt.

When I first came to the Urbana campus, I didn't like to leave the shack where I lived. I wasn't sure I would be able to get back up the ramp. It wasn't much of a ramp; but I thought I knew my limits.

I was wrong. I never did get up some of the ramps around the campus (I tend to tip over backwards on steep grades); but in the three weeks I managed to stay out of the hospital on my first try at independence, I found that I could do a lot of things I had never thought of trying to do before. It looked like sink or swim at the time. I had to learn. But somehow, when things got really bad, Tim was always there to give me what I needed. It wasn't necessarily what I wanted; but it worked every time. I still don't know how he found out about things. The CIA is missing a good bet.

It was just living those first three weeks that did it for me, even though I ended up in a hospital for the next six months. After that, I knew I could be independent. Any systems or tricks that I learned were beside the point. I had won the main battle. It wasn't that I never had any more problems: it was thinking of how they could be solved, not whether they could be solved.

I'm beginning to sound like Norman Vincent Peale. Actually, the last thing I want to do is inspire people. Usually my beard and the leopard patterned upholstery on my wheelchair are enough to nip that sort of thing in the bud. The trouble with inspiring people is that they cease to regard you as human.

So I'm glad I can say that Tim didn't inspire me; because if he weren't so wonderfully human, I don't think that there would have been a program. If it hadn't been there when I needed it, would I have become what I am, a happily married philosophy teacher who enjoys his work? I'd like to think so, but it would take awfully good odds to make me risk a bet.

William Schuyler

The school years of 1952-53 and 1953-54 were full of so many new experiences for me. I, as many others, had not lived away from home since my seige of polio in 1949. For the first few weeks, we were bewildered by all the different buildings, distances from dorm to campus, ride schedules (which sometimes got mixed up - since we had only the cars of the other students, and Tim, to depend upon), and adjusting to ways of independence.

Since leaving there, I've married, have a husband (Melvin), two children (Barbara and Jimmy), and a house to care for (which I do from my wheelchair).

I know much of the credit, for my being able to do this, is due Tim Nugent and my two years in the Rehabilitation program at the U. of I. My actual "book learning" in the Commerce Department was good, but didn't help me nearly as much as did the "independence learning" in the Rehab. Department.

Doris Sutton Guth

Before attending the U. of I. rehab program I would try to account for everything which I might encounter during some activity and needless to say, some activities were never tried: the obstacles loomed too large. Now I usually try whatever I wish to and circumvent obstacles as I meet them. The philosophy of independence which Tim pushes so assiduously is the one most important part of my post-paraplegic life. This attitude of independence allows me to gracefully decline an offer to be "pushed" with the excuse, "I really need the exercise" (which is probably true anyway).....

I would like to relate an anecdote from my first week in the rehab program. Dean Ridenour and I had just finished waiting our way through the lines in the armory to register. As we were leaving the building we came to a doorway with a small step down at the threshold. After listening to "independence lectures" for several days, I decided to rock my chair up and bounce down the step, something I had not done very often. With more enthusiasm than experience, I rocked my chair up and rolled triumphantly toward the step only to lose my balance and to go over backwards. The papers in my lap went flying and the next thing I knew I was looking at the combination of my own legs and the armory ceiling. Two able bodied students came along and one grabbed each handle of my chair and restored me to a sitting position. While they helped me retrieve my papers, one of them said to me, "That's what I like about you guys in wheelchairs. You're always clowning around." Dean never let me forget one of my early excursions into the land of independence.

Charles E. Whitman

You asked for some accomplishment that made us self-sufficient. For me the accomplishment that made a great change in my life was learning to drive and getting my car. I did this about two years after I left Illinois, but it was the idea that others can do it, so can I, that I experienced at Illinois that made me able to do it. Since I've had my car do, one of which is volunteer work in a childrens' hospital school.....

Tim - he believes in us so that we believe in ourselves.

Maya Jean Berger



# ALUMNI BRIEFS

After all is said and done, Alumni Briefs is still the best way to judge the success of the university's twenty-year-old rehabilitation-education program. It is here that we leave behind the University of Illinois campus, with all its sheltered academic life, its ramped curbs and buildings, its blue-and-orange buses, its accessible Campus Town and drinking pubs, its handicapped-inured student body. Still to be used are all the potential and unfulfilled skills, abilities, hopes and promises which the disabled student, like all "college joes", pick up along the way. A sheepskin is not enough to show whether or not a disabled graduate can become an integral, vital, useful part of society. The world awaits him and it is up to him to prove himself.

The program's over 400 alumni have proven themselves. The hopes and promises have been shed for sustained, useful accomplishments. Disabled alumni are scattered around the country; from the farms of the Mid-west, to the clogged freeways of Los Angeles, to the green hills of Virginia. They earned their bachelor, master and doctorate degrees. Now they have also put into practice what they have learned. Their occupations touch nearly every spectrum of the "job wheel": doctor, accountant, teacher, chemist, counselor, mathematician, lawyer, architect, engineer, banker, psychologist, radio and TV announcer, physicist, librarian, social worker, administrator, artist, housewife - well, name it and it's a sure bet that a disabled alum is already there. So to see today's and tomorrow's disabled graduate in another twenty years, look at yesterday's. But, look quickly - he's a mover.

WILLIAM and GLORIA ACHESON, Indianapolis, Ind. - Bill, as an assistant professor, teaches architectural technology at the Indianapolis Regional Campus of Purdue University. Gloria is busy in medical research. LLOYD W. ACKLAND, West Brooklyn Ill. - Lloyd farms in grain and livestock on his own farm. On the side, he is a Sunday School superintendent.

ANITA L. ALTER, Fort Wayne, Ind. - Anita keeps herself very active as a self-employed investment advisor and a free lance writer, in which garb she does a lot of traveling. Along with a mental health organization, she is also active in religious and political groups and in the local alum chapter of the U. of I. She says she has taken up photography and may move to California in a year or two. KENNETH ANDERSON, Binghamton, New York - Ken continues as an associate professor of mathematics at the State University of New York at Binghamton. Anne manages the campus store. ALLAN and ASTRA ANTONINI, Chicago, Ill. - Allan is employed as a senior accountant at the Interstate United Corporation in Lincolnwood, Ill. ROBERT ARHELGER, San Mateo, Calif. - In his third year as a student in the School of Law at Stanford University, Bob also works on the Committee to Draft Student Practice Statute. HENRY ATKINSON, Dillon, Colo. - Self-employed as a consulting engineer, "Hank" designed ski lifts this past summer and will be studying for his PhD at the University of Colorado during 1967-1968. JOHN and BARBARA AUBY, LaCrosse, Wis. - John works as a draftsman for the Trane Co. in LaCrosse. Being a member of the Badger State Sportsmen Club, he likes to hunt, fish and camp. He and Barbara built a new home in the summer of 1966 which John designed and planned himself. All that remains to be done is a little painting and sprucing up in the yard.

GLEN and SYLVIA (nee DEAN) BELLOWES, Bloomington, Ill. - Glen says that the firm he opened with a fellow U. of I. alumnus Gordon Buchanan, is prospering. In fact, Buchanan, Bellowes & Associates, Consulting Engineers is about to move into larger quarters! Glen and Sylvia are busier than ever bringing up their 2 children, Alice Lynn and Kevin Dean, and still find time for the activities of their local Mormon church. JUDY BENOIT, Baltimore, Maryland - Judy is the Chief Medical Record Librarian for the John F. Kennedy Institute in affiliation with the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. She recently moved to Baltimore. MARY FRAN BERGER, Arlington Heights, Ill. - Mary Fran is a retouch artist for the Mosstype Corporation in Elk Grove. Many of her spare hours are spent as a volunteer worker at Illinois-Children's Hospital and Boys' Home, and with church activities. SUSAN T. BLACK, Chicago, Ill. - Sue finally "got in that final paper for my MA in French" and is happily teaching in a school near Chicago. LES and JOANNE BLANKENSHIP, Clarksville, Maryland - Les is a rehabilitation consultant for the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration in Washington, D.C. He and Joanne are busy "keeping up with the kids". JIM and DOROTHY BOEN, Hopkins, Minn. - Jim is an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota. Along with raising a family, Jim started coaching a wheelchair basketball team in Minnesota this year, and also found time for bear hunting. SISTER MARY RICHARD BOO, Duluth, Minn. - Sister Mary Richard has recently been appointed as the president of St. Scholastica College where she has taught English in past years. MARY BRAMER, Elgin, Ill. - Mary continues to teach English at Kimball Junior High in Elgin, finding time now and then to write professional articles. WAYNE "GIG" and "CEC" BROEREN, Champaign, Ill. - "Gig" now holds the position of Commercial Contract Sales Representative for Thompson Lumber Company. Along with helping raise his four children - Stu, Rachel, Tim and Tom - "Gig" finds time for civic duties, Little League managing, golf, basketball, fishing and bowling. PAUL and LILEEN BROWN, Kirksville, Mo. - Paul is a City Attorney for the city of Kirksville along with carrying on the affairs of a private law practice. He is also busy with civic affairs. He says, "a year of married life and learning to be a father of three children has certainly been an invigorating experience". (married, Sept., '66). LINDA (nee GOULD) and DENNIS BREYER, Rantoul, Ill. - While Dennis works in sales at the Hunt-Wesson Foods Co., Linda keeps herd on their two girls, Beth Anne (4 years) and Julie Lynne (3 years). Another child is due in December, 1967. They just moved from Peoria to Rantoul. In Peoria, Linda was active in many organizations including a folklore society, theater league, Newcomer's Club and the Arts and Sciences Center.

GEORGE and JUDY CADDY, Moline, Ill. - George is an accountant and computer programmer for the U.S. Army in Rock Island, Ill. He and Judy were expecting their first child in October. George holds the office of first vice-president of his local chapter of the Jaycees as well as director of the local board of the Federal Government Accountants Association. VITO and VIRGINIA CALECA, Downers Grove, Ill. - Vito is the assistant regional representative for the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration in Chicago. He is an active member of the National Rehabilitation Association, the Illinois Rehabilitation Association and the Illinois Rehabilitation Counseling Association. ROGER and LYNDA CARROLL, Herscher, Ill. - Roger has been employed at radio station WGGH in Marion, Ill. for 3½ years. He is now news director and staff announcer. He has been married for 2 years to Lynda who is a medical secretary. He boasts, "Her extra income keeps me

in ice cream cones." "CHUCK" and KATHY CHAPMAN, Elk Grove Village, Ill. - He holds the position of special projects editor for the Journal of the American Medical Association. He enjoys an active life as a "voter, ping-ponger, home-workshopper, garden-variety philosopher, debt-cetera". Chuck just received his second bachelor's degree (in psychology) from Northwestern U. He intends to pursue his master's degree at Roosevelt U. Chuck Comments on Life: "It is a trifle difficult to pursue academic objectives whilst hewing to the line in the sea of economic strife, but one learns to cut a corner here and to go with the tide there . . . Obviously much remains to be done in the world, and I hope to do at least some of the much that remains." GLORIA CHIN, Chicago, Ill. - Gloria is an associate editor for The Modern Hospital magazine and a member of Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism professional society. ANNA (nee HAUFFMAN) and DAVID CHURCH, Chicago, Ill. - David works as a chemist at Armour and Co. while Anne works for David and their year-old son, Christopher. PHYLLIS CLINE, Urbana, Ill. - Phyllis worked over the summer as a junior social worker for the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Danville, Ill. RALPH and PATRICIA (nee WIGGINS) COFER, Brookfield, Ill. - Patricia is employed as a bookkeeper at Parts Warehouse Supply, Inc. in Cicero, Ill. ROSCOE R. DANIELL, Institute, W. Va. - Roscoe continues to be very busy as a counselor at the State Sheltered Workshop of the W. Virginia Rehabilitation Center.

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ROSCOE R. DANIELL, Institute, W. Va. - Roscoe continues to be very busy as a counselor at the State Sheltered Workshop of the W. Virginia Rehabilitation Center. LINDA DAVISON, Essexville, Mich. - Linda is self-employed. She does chemical indexing, also abstracting and coding for the Dow Chemical Co. In addition to membership in chemical societies, she works on the publicity committee for the annual muscular dystrophy drive. Linda reports she's being "followed" - by her new miniature poodle, Toby. The "travel bug" hit her last winter, so she took off for balmy Florida. She's saving for a trip to Hawaii and wonders if it is "accessible". FRANK and BETTY LOU DEYO, Rock Island, Ill. - Frank is employed by the U.S. Army as a contract specialist. He likes to play handball, duplicate bridge and to square dance. SYLVIA DOHERTY, Cincinnati, Ohio - Sylvia enjoys her position as a speech pathologist at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. She is a member of the Ohio and American Speech and Hearing Associations. RONALD DUGAN, Downers Grove, Ill. Ron is a math teacher in the Downers Grove public schools. MARILYN DIUN, Williamsville, New York - Marilyn is an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

DONALD C. EDWARDS, Burlington, Iowa - Don is the News Director at KMR radio station and also at the Burlington Hawkeye newspaper. He is active in the Jaycees (2nd VP), Methodist Men's Club and the Mayor's Advisory Committee. EDMUND G. ELSNER III, Popayan, Colombia - Ed is teaching in the Universidad del Cauca as well as acting as Director of the Centro Colombo-Americano under the auspices of the USIS. He does a lot of hunting and fishing, recommends trips to the Amazon via wheelchair and would like to hear from old university friends. GARY ERVIN, Hayward, Calif. - Gary is employed as the administrative assistant to the business manager at California State College. JOHN and RITA EZOP, Saginaw, Mich. - John is a machine control engineer at the General Motors Division of Steering Gear in Saginaw. If his club activities don't keep him busy, his new son, Nicholas, makes up for it. John and Rita are settled in a new house which is being redecorated. In the fall of 1967, John resumed classes so that he could earn his master's degree in electrical engineering.

ANN (nee MAROIS) and CIRO FARINA, Rome, New York - Ann and Ciro often travel to new and interesting places - one of the advantages of being married to an Air Force lieutenant. CARL and JULIA FAUST, River Forest, Ill. - Carl presently holds the position of Asst. Vice President of the Oak Park Trust & Savings Bank. The Fausts have a three-year old daughter, Karen. LOU (nee KUSSART) and ROBERT FLAUGHER, Decatur, Ill. - The parents of two children, Randy (9) and Cindy (7), Lou and Bob are active in supervising their sports activities, Bob being head football and baseball coach at Lakeview High School in Decatur. ALVIN FLETCHER, Kingston, Ill. - Al, who says that he is still a bachelor, although "not nearly as confirmed a one" as was reported last year in this usually fallible publication, will enter Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in the fall after receiving his A.B. in history from Carthage College. IRA and JEANNIE FRANK, Los Angeles, Calif. - Ira is a resident physician in psychiatry at UCLA. Jeannie is presently a grad student at UCLA. They are the proud parents of a one-year-old girl, Sharon Ruth. BARBARA (nee CASH) and GEORGE FROCK, Austin, Tex. - Barbara is now a full-time housewife and nursemaid to two sons, ages five and two. Between diapers and spankings she gives 20 music lessons a week. George is Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Texas. FRANCES (nee FITZPATRICK) and JON FRUHL, Westmont, Ill. - Frances married Jon, milk products manager for Jewel Foods, the day after they both graduated in 1965 and has a full time job in co-op advertising with the Englander Co. (div. of Union Carbide).

FRANK GARRATT, JR., Tacoma, Wash. - Frank is an English teacher at Tacoma Community College. JACK and LILLIAN GENSLOW, Decatur, Ill. - Jack is psychologist-director at the Decatur Evaluation Center which seeks employment for the mentally and physically handicapped. He and Lillian have a three-year-old daughter, Karen Marie. JOHN and PHYLLIS CORRELL, Granite City, Ill. - John is an emergency service representative with the Illinois Power Company. 3 1/2 year old Johnny's little brother couldn't wait last April for his parents to get him to the hospital. He arrived in the car en route. Tad is none the worse for his unceremonious arrival, now weighs 16 pounds. BENJAMIN and PEARL GRAHAM, Seattle, Wash. - Ben is Assistant Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics and attending radiologist at the University Hospital of the University of Washington School of Medicine. He is active as a player and advisor for the Northwest Wheelchair Basketball Conference and a member of the National Wheelchair Athletic Committee. Ben and Pearl have a nine-year-old daughter, Leslie. ANNE A GRAVER, Columbia, Mo. - Anne is a librarian at the University of Missouri. CHERYL (nee SUMMERS) and ROGER GROSSER, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Cheryl is a working housewife while Roger attends grad school at Penn State. DORIS (nee SUTTON) and MELVIN GROTH, Kankakee, Ill. - Doris is a part-time typist for Key City Motors, Inc. Melvin is employed as a process fractionator by Armour Pharmaceutical Company. Doris is kept busy tending the many bruises son Jimmy, 8, and daughter Barbara, 12, incur in their favorite sports - basketball and softball. Of course, Doris' main job is taking care of Minnie, their 11 mo. old Siamese cat. DOLORES C. GUTIERREZ, Chicago, Ill. - Dolores is a caseworker for the Cook County Dept. of Public Aid. She is active in the Independent Union of Public Aid Employees. Due to a recent attack of multiple sclerosis, Dolores has had to postpone her vacation to California. Her new corvair will have to wait 'til next year to make the trip.

RAPHAEL and CAROL ANN HALEY, West Swanzey, N.H. - Bill is in his second year as a cost accountant at the Markem Machine Company in Keene, N.H. Bill and Carol Ann have two children - Kathleen Anne, three years, and Christopher William, one year. BRYAN and MARY LOIS HALL, Arnold, Mo. - Bryan works as a librarian at Fox Junior High School in Arnold. BETIE JANE HANLEY (nee MENLEIN), Champaign, Ill. - Besides working on her M.A. degree in advertising, Bette Jane spends much of her time participating in activities which include the local Young Republicans Club and the United Cerebral Palsy As-

sociation. She also is an active parent in the Champaign-Urbana Montessori School which her three-year-old daughter Robb Ann attends. ROBERT and REBECCA HAWKES, Orrington, Maine - Bob holds the position of Director-Therapist at the Bangor Regional Speech and Hearing Center. Wheelchair sports still fascinate Bob who was a member of the U.S. Paralympic team, 1960 through 1966. He also sits in as treasurer of the National Wheelchair Athletic Assoc. and is on the Board of Directors of the United States Wheelchair Sports Fund. Bob's and Rebecca's children are Richard, 21 and Diantha, 15. G. LOWELL and DARLEEN (nee ENDRESS) HILL, Springfield, Ill. - Lowell is employed as a statistical clerk in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Darleen works as the executive secretary for the United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. in Sangamon County. Lowell and Darleen do not believe in twiddling their thumbs throughout life, so they have plunged into scads of activities including church, rehabilitation and mental health organizations. All you drivers watch out! Darleen is taking driving lessons in a car with a standard shift. KAY (nee JACKSON) and ROBERT HOFFMAN, Bensenville, Ill. - Kay is a housewife while Bob is employed by the Chicago Manufacturing Co. Kay is an Apostolate of the Handicapped, is active in the Wheelchair Bowling League of Illinois and they are both faithful followers of the Chicago Sidewinders wheelchair basketball team. WILLARD and JOAN HOLLOWAY, Peoria, Ill. - Bill is Vice President-Director of Personnel Relations for the Laidlaw Corporation. He, his wife and their daughter Ann are enjoying their new home on six acres. JANECE (nee BURKE) and ALLEN HOLMES, Champaign, Ill. - Jan and Allen, who is a math teacher at University High School, have two children, Monette and Kenneth. Janece is active in the Women's Society of Christian Service and enjoys bridge. MARILYN "KAY" HOWARD, Urbana, Ill. - Kay is employed as a medical secretary for the medical records department of Mercy Hospital. BRICE and HELEN HUDDLESTON, Springfield, Ill. - Brice is a rehabilitation counselor in Springfield. He is active in church, school and rehabilitation organizations. RAYMOND and HARRIET HUNT, Glendale, Arizona - Raymond is self-employed as a draftsman and stock broker. He enjoys pool, bowling and bridge in his spare time. ROBERT HUTCHINS, Plymouth, Ind. - Robert is the News Editor of The Plymouth (Ind.) Pilot-News. He is also a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

TOM and LOUISE (nee FORTMAN) JONES, Champaign, Ill. - Tom is Chief Announcer-Producer at WCIA-TV. While continuing work on his master's in journalism, Tom remains active in sports, playing for the Black Knights wheelchair basketball team and participating in track competition at the National Wheelchair Games. Louise is an information officer for the Admissions and Records department of the U. of I.

ROBERT and MARJORY KALOUPEK, Grinnell, Iowa - Bob is secretary to the Board of Directors of the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District. The couple are greatly interested in civic activities and Bob is a member of the Tallcorn Boy Scout Council and the American Legion. BRUCE and JUDY KARR, Elmhurst, Ill. - The Karrs have three children: Kent (8), Pete (5) and Kelly (2). Bruce is president and an active player on the Chicago Sidewinders wheelchair basketball team. DAN and BARBARA (nee GILBY) KAUFMAN, Dayton, Ohio - Dan is a computer programmer for the U.S. Air Force Logistics Command. Barbara is a speech therapist at the Hearing and Speech Center at Barney's Children's Medical Center. Both Dan and Barbara received their degrees from SIU in June, '67, Barb getting her master's in Speech Pathology and Dan in Computer Programming. LYNDA KOOPMAN, Houston, Tex. - Lynda received her masters degree in math this past June, and is presently working as a mathematician for Shell Development Company. JANICE KRESSIN, Cedarburg, Wis. - Janice is a bookkeeper for Grob, Inc. and is on the Board of Directors of Ozaukee County Sheltered Workshop. KENNETH KROLL, Montclair, New Jersey - Ken is working as a medical advertising copywriter for William Douglas McAdams, Inc., a pharmaceutical advertising agency. DONALD KRUMREY, Seattle, Wash. - Don, who received his B.S. in math two years ago, is now a computer programmer for the Commercial Airplane Div. of the Boeing Co. Besides bowling, Don skis a lot (both water and snow). HAROLD KUEHLE, Cape Girardeau, Mo. - Harold is a tax collector and is interested in all types of civic groups. He is chairman of the District 10 Missouri Assoc. of Republicans.

MARVIN and PHYLLIS JEAN LAPICOLA, Lombard, Ill. - Marvin is Director of Business Services for School District #54 in Schaumburg Township. Even while raising three children, Debra (7), Michael (5) and Sandra (3), not to mention appreciating his "wonderful wife", he still finds time to play on the Chicago Sidewinders wheelchair basketball team. MARSHALL LAUB, Placentia, Calif. - Marshall is a research engineer for Autonetics, a division of North American Aviation, Inc. Being an engineer and acquainted with the technical problems to be overcome, Marshall is of the opinion that more engineers should look into the possibilities of redesigning cars, etc. to be driven by the severely handicapped. Furthermore, he suggests that U. of I.'s College of Engineering institute a curriculum in rehabilitation engineering. JUEL and VALERIE LEE, Kansas City, Mo. - Juel is Director of Student Aid and Placement at the University of Missouri. THOMAS and ANN LINDE, Carson City, Nev. - Tom is a State Psychological Consultant for the Nevada Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Also, Tom helps in religious work with the young disabled and in his spare time works at "applied statistical probability" which means he plays roulette. Good luck, Tom. You'll need it! JAN LITTLE, Chicago, Ill. - Jan is an assistant editor of a sporting goods sales magazine for the National Sporting Goods Association.

ROSEMARY MASEK, Las Vegas, Nev. - As Rosemary is in London this summer, her mother reported for her. Rosemary, after receiving her doctorate in history, is now doing research at the British Museum in London for a paper on the early church in England. PAUL MASSEY, Paris, Ill. - Paul is self-employed and does that job all Americans hate - filling out 1040 forms. KENNETH and NORMA (nee McCLURE) MATTHIAS, Crown Point, Ind. - Ken is employed by the Hugh J. McLaughlin and Son Golfball Factory and helps with Little League in his spare time. Norma is a full-time housewife. RICHARD and MILDRED MCCORMICK, Colconda, Ill. - Richard is a counselor for the Womble Mountain Authority and his wife is a teacher. JOYCE MCCURLEY, Missouri Valley, Iowa - Joyce is Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic of Glenwood State Hospital School and is deeply involved in local rehab. problems. GLENDON and BARBARA (nee HANLEY) MEYER, Champaign, Ill. - Glen went before the Bar Examiners recently. Barbara keeps busy as a cytotechnologist in cancer detection at Burnham City Hospital. DAVID and RUTH (nee KELLER) MIEHER, JR., Jackson, Miss. - Ruth recently began a new job as bookkeeper and office manager for a photo company while Dave remains news editor at WLBT-TV. Dave still sails every weekend and reports that he went through two wheelchairs this past year, "too much dancing at neighborhood parties". BETTE MOLES, Gardena, Calif. - Bette is a grad student at California State College at Los Angeles. She intends to teach sociology at the junior college level when she completes her master's degree.

DANIEL NELLIS, Decatur, Ill. - Dan is a Mental Health Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Illinois at the Adolf Meyer Zone Center. He is also active on the Decatur school board. KATHERINE NIEMEYER, Livingston, N.J. - Katey is Chief Dietitian at the Restoration Center, Veterans' Administration Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey. She reports that she recently bought an eight-room house which she shares with a nurse co-worker and a gigantic German shepherd. DAVID and HARRIET (nee ROVICK) NISSENBAUM, Lemon Grove, Calif. - Harriet begins her fourth year of teaching Spanish at Helix High School in LaMesa. Husband Dave sells real estate.

ALFRED and HARRIOTT OELSCHLEGEL, Urbana, Ill. - Alfred is self-employed as an accountant. He is active in the League-O-Wheels (bowling). He and Harriott have one child, Alana.

JUDITH ANN PACHCIARZ, St. Louis, Mo. - Judy is employed in the Public Health Service Department of Microbiology at the St. Louis University School of Medicine. She is presently doing thesis research on the phylogeny of immunity for her PhD in microbiology. Softball and basketball also keep her pretty busy. RALPH and ANDREA (nee HANSEN) PATZKE, Champaign, Ill. - Ralph is service manager for F.R. Inskip & Co. of Champaign. Andy types along with keeping house for Ralph and their two children. GLEN and MARJORIE PERKINS, Urbana, Ill. - Glen is the advertising director for Eisner Food Stores in Champaign. He enjoys bowling and is active in the American Legion. Marge is the Health Center Nurse Supervisor for the university. W. GARY PHILLIPS, St. Louis, Mo. - In September, Gary became a senior research chemist for the Monsanto Co. after completing work for his PhD in chemistry at Wayne State University. RICHARD and ROSE ANN PIECH, Justice, Ill. - Dick is employed as a draftsman-designer for the Pioneer Screw & Nut Co. in Elk Grove Village. He and Rose Ann were married in Sept., 1966. Dick says, "It's great to finally settle down with a family." DAVID and VIRGINIA (nee HARRELL) POTTER, Sandwich, Ill. - Dave is the Filter Engineering Dept. Manager for C.T.S. Knights, Inc. Virginia is busy working with the Girl Scouts. They are looking forward to building a new home next year. ROSEMARY (nee SCHNIPKE) and RAYBOURN POWELL, Toledo, Ohio - Ray works for the Naval Armory while Rosemary is recording secretary for the Toledo chapter of Indoor Sports Club. Ray and Rose have two boys, Tony (3½) and Chris (2) who keep them moving. Still they found time to put out a small garden again this year.

EDWARD QUINN, Anaheim, Calif. - Edward is a teacher and the chairman of the department of science at Servite High School in Anaheim. He is attending the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana during sabbaticals under a National Science Foundation grant, working toward an M.A. in chemistry.

WILLIAM RICHARD, Chicago, Ill. - Bill is an assistant controller for Goodwill Industries. ROGER ROBINSON, Inglewood, Calif. - Roger is a junior project engineer for Robintech, Inc. Along with his work, he finds time for bowling - 1st place in Calif. State Wheelchair Bowling Tournament in 1967. HARRY and DOROTHEA ROGIE, Phoenix, Ariz. - Harry is an electrical engineer at the Sperry-Phoenix Corp., finding time for the Fleet Reserve Assoc. (retired naval personnel) and being the treasurer of a cub scout pack. He says he and his family are "enjoying life in the Valley of the Sun". He and Dorothea are busy raising three children. GEORGE and JOYCE ROST, Selkirk, N.Y. - George is a computer programmer for the N.Y. State Department of Motor Vehicles. George was just married to Joyce in April of '67. PETER RUDOCK, Oak Grove, Ill.

WILLIAM and BARBARA SCHUYLER, Louisville, Ky. - Bill and Barbara make quite a team. She's a teacher and he's an instructor at the University of Louisville. On the side, he does occasional book reviews and lectures. This year Bill, like any proud father, was happy to say that he had finally adopted his nine-year-old step daughter, Sarah. DONALD and MARCIA SEIFFERTH, Kettering, Ohio - Don works as a cost analyst for the Inland Mfg. Division of the General Motors Company. In his spare time, as the treasurer, he guards the funds of his church. FRED and MAE SHERMAN, Arcadia, Calif. - Presently, Greg is an employment security trainee in the Department of Employment in California. Currently, they are devoting themselves to the raising of their son, Christopher Brett, born in April, 1967. BILL SIENKOWSKI, Melrose Park, Ill. - When Bill isn't working as a copy writer for the Russell L. Gray Corporation he's zipping the Illinois Gizz Kids a run for the national wheelchair basketball championship as a member of the Chicago Sidewinders. SANDI SIMONS, Erie, Penn. - Sandi is employed by St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie as a medical secretary. Sandi puts out a monthly paper called The Handicrat. She also advises the Steady Strivers and participates in alumni activities at the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Center. When she isn't busy, she splashes around as a swimming teacher for handicapped teenagers and young adults. CHARLOTTE SMITH, South Houston, Tex. - "George" is a physiologist for NASA, the Manned Spacecraft Center. Even while sending people to the moon and Mars, she enjoys the relatively tame past-time of flying her own plane and is a member of the Aerospace Medical Association. JERRY and DONNA (nee BENWAY) SMITH, Wyoming, Iowa - Donna is an English teacher at Maquoketa Junior High School while her husband, Jerry, is employed at a parking plant. HUGH and ANN SOERBING, Quincy, Ill. - Hugh is a music teacher at Quincy College and actively participates in the Percussive Arts Society which he helped found. PAUL and SHEILA SONES, Burlington, Mass. - Paul is senior engineer at Raytheon Company in Sudbury, Mass. and in his spare time plays with the New England Clippers wheelchair basketball team. Paul and Sheila have a daughter, Sharlene Elizabeth. WAYNE and DIANE SPADER, Calumet Park, Ill. - Wayne is supervisor of the General Accounting & Accounts Payable departments of the Martin-Browder Corp. Diane and Wayne were married in September, 1966 and are "already expecting" their first child in August, 1967. Keep up the good work, Wayne and Diane! FRED and ARLENE SPRINGE, Anaheim, Calif. - Fred is Program Development Engineer for the advanced Engineering section of Autometrics and both are involved in so many civic and scouting activities it's impossible to list them. They are a large factor in the population explosion contributing Debra (12), Fred, Jr. (10), Barbara (8), Kirk (7) and Erik (1½). Recently Arlene and Fred went to the Yucatan for a restful vacation. GEORGE and LAURA STEINWANS, Cincinnati, Ohio - George is a self-employed public accountant. The couple have two children, Ivy (13) and Holly (7). DON and NELLIE STEINMETZ, Evansville, Ind. - Don is Director of Vocational Industrial Therapy at Evansville State Hospital and active in church and civic organizations. HARRY and MARTHA STEWART, Danville, Ill. - As of Sept. 1, 1967, Harry will be a partner in the law firm of Unger & Stewart, Attorneys-at-Law. CAROLE (nee HALL) and CHARLES SURGI, Webb City, Mo. - Charles continues to manufacture pony carts while Carole lists her occupation as "mother and wife" - in that order. This is understandable considering that the eldest of their four children is 7 years old.

WALTER and MARILYN (nee WILSON) TAYLOR, Orange Park, Fla. - Marilyn works part time at the Ceramics Institute of Jacksonville University where she is a graduate student and a self-employed potter. Husband Walter is an architect. MARLIN and MAUREEN THOMAS, Salisbury, N.C. - "Ja-Cy" is Assistant Professor of Economics at Catawba College in Salisbury. Maureen and Ja-Cy are the outdoor type and often go camping with their son Jim. THOMAS TULLY, Honolulu, Hawaii - Tom is a project engineer and an associate with Alfred A. Yee structural engineering firm. He is active in YMCA and Jaycees, who wonders how long Hawaii can survive TJN's presence. JOHN and LILLIAN (nee BREMER) TORRANCE, Chicago, Ill. - John, the first editor of Sigma Signs, is in copy-contact with the Harry C. Phibbs Advertising Co. Lillian is an O.T. John says that the Warwick Hotel in New York City is "great for gimps if you can afford the \$19.00 per day" and that "New York has the tiniest skirts in the country. . . it's pure delight just rolling down Fifth Avenue". CHARLES and LEAH (nee TRUX-ELL) TAGG, Fullerton, Calif. - Leah is a budding writer (as are many of the Sigma Signs reporters) waiting for the blossom to bloom. Speaking of blossoms, both of the Taggs are deeply involved in the cultivation of prize-winning begonias

as they are high-ranking members of the American Begonia Society. Little Brian Carl Tagg (4) likes flowers too - he digs holes.

FRANCIS and DARLENE VERDUN, Tinley Park, Ill. - Frank is Counselor-Coordinator of School District #218 in Oak Lawn. At last count, the couple had three children: Michael, Cynthia and Kathleen. KENNETH VISTE, JR., M.D., Chicago, Ill. - Ken works on an NIH Neurology Fellowship at Northwestern University Medical Center.

MARSHALL and LeVON WALL, Huntsville, Ala. - Marshall is a staff programmer for the Federal Systems Division of IBM. He and LeVon are anxiously awaiting a baby as they have recently been approved by the state for child adoption. RUTH WEBB, Hamburg, Pa. - Ruth is a Research Psychologist at Hamburg State School and Hospital. She is experimenting with trying to apply perceptual-motor training techniques to severely retarded patients with what she reports as encouraging results. WILLIAM and CAROLYN (nee METZKE) WHITENACK, Davis, Calif. - Bill is working for his PhD in Comparative Biochemistry at the University of California and Carolyn is a laboratory technician there. For activities they "argue a lot" as well as belong to the Sacramento Archery Club. Who holds the apple on their heads? William Tell? JOHN "JACK" and MARY JOANN "JAN" WHITMAN, Champaign, Ill. - Jack is Sales Representative for radio station WDWS and supplementing his role as president of the Illinois Archery Association, spends much time teaching archery. He is also a member of the Gizz Kids (yay!) track team. Wife Jan is a clerk. RONALD and PHYLLIS WIEDNER, Highland, Ill. - Ron is an optimist while Phyllis keeps the house in shape. Ron is active in youth activities through the Optimist Club, is involved in the local school system and Jaycees. JONATHAN and SHARON (nee HOVEY) WILKIN, Urbana, Ill. - While Sharon continues as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at the Adler Zone Center of the State Department of Mental Health, Jon works voraciously on his master's degree in mathematics. He expects to receive his degree either in August, 1967 or in February, 1968. RUTH WINZER, Webster, Wis. - Ruth is a social worker trainee at the Burnett County Welfare Department in Wisconsin since she is working on her master's degree in social work. She sadly informs us that she gets a wee bit cold pushing three blocks to her job in the winter when the temperature is -48<sup>0</sup> outside. It's then that she has fond memories of the rehab buses and ramped curbs. LELAND AND JOAN (nee WOLL) WISE, Urbana, Ill. - Lee still works as the controller with the Eisner Food Stores in Champaign. Lee and Joan's children Anne and Chris are now 12 and 7 years old, respectively.

CAROLYN YASHKO, Chicago, Ill. - Carolyn counsels adolescents with mental problems in her position of rehabilitation counseling at the Chicago State Hospital. As for a spouse, she reports that she is "working on it".

EVA (nee BOUDREAU) and LEO ZWILLING, Indianapolis, Ind. - Leo is a banker-tab. operator. Eva, who used to be employed by Eli Lilly and Company, is now content to be a homemaker. Their son, Michael, grows like a weed. He was joined by a brother and/or sister in August, 1967. (We weren't sure when Sigma Signs went to press). By the way, Eva, we hope this blurb makes up for the last two years.



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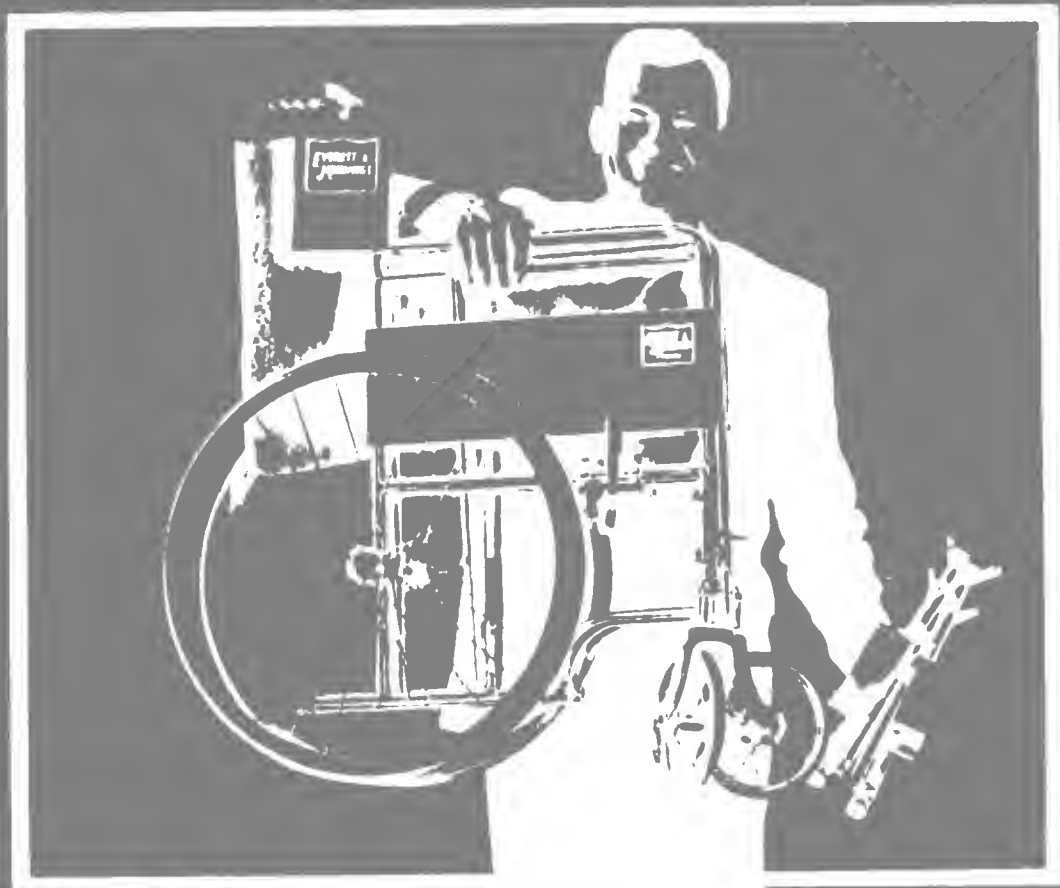
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